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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **SAN JOSE DIVISION**

10 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
TEACHERS, *et al.*,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 MIGUEL CARDONA, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. 5:20-cv-455-EJD

**JOINT STIPULATION TO STAY
DEFENDANTS' DEADLINES TO FILE AN
ANSWER AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
PENDING RESOLUTION OF DEFENDANTS'
ANTICIPATED MOTION TO REMAND ;
PROPOSED ORDER**

18 Plaintiffs American Federation of Teachers, California Federation of Teachers, Isai
19 Baltezar, and Julie Cho, and Defendants Miguel Cardona, in his official capacity as Secretary of
20 Education, and the U.S. Department of Education ("Department"), through their respective
21 undersigned counsel, submit this Joint Stipulation to request that, in light of Defendants' intent to
22 seek remand of this action to the Department, Defendants' current October 29, 2021 deadline to
23 file an Answer and Administrative Record be stayed until 30 days after the Court resolves
24 Defendants' motion to remand. The parties state the following in support of their stipulated
25 request:
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1 1. On January 22, 2020, Plaintiffs filed a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive
2 Relief, bringing eleven claims under the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), 5 U.S.C.
3 §§ 701-706, in a challenge to a Final Rule promulgated by the Department. *See* ECF No. 1.

4 2. On March 27, 2020, the parties filed a stipulated request to set a briefing schedule
5 in connection with Defendants’ motion to dismiss. *See* ECF No. 22. As part of this request, the
6 parties stipulated and proposed that Defendants’ deadlines under Local Civil Rule 16-5 be
7 extended up to and including 30 days after the disposition of Defendants’ motion.

8 3. Following briefing and a hearing on Defendants’ motion, the Court issued an
9 Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants’ Motions to Dismiss on September 3,
10 2021 [ECF No. 33].

11 4. The parties filed a Case Management Statement on September 21, 2020. *See* ECF
12 No. 35. Defendants filed a Motion for Partial Reconsideration of the Court’s September 3, 2021,
13 ruling on October 1, 2020. *See* ECF No. 38.

14 5. Following briefing on Defendants’ motion, the Court denied reconsideration in
15 relevant part in an Order issued on September 29, 2021. *See* ECF No. 44.

16 6. In light of the Court’s ruling, Defendants’ deadline to file an Answer and
17 Administrative Record in accord with Local Civil Rule 16-5 is currently October 29, 2021.

18 7. Defendants state that they anticipate filing a motion for voluntary remand of this
19 action to the agency in light of the Department’s initiation of new rulemaking processes on the
20 same topics addressed by the Final Rule at issue in this action. Defendants plan to argue that a
21 remand would conserve judicial resources as well as the resources of the parties. Defendants also
22 plan to propose that the Court remand the action without vacating the Final Rule due to the
23 disruptive impacts such a vacatur would have on the Department’s resources and activities as
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1 well as the Department's inability to effectively implement the rule that preceded the Final Rule,
2 which would go back into effect if the Final Rule were vacated.

3 8. Counsel for Defendants and counsel for Plaintiffs have conferred regarding
4 Defendants' proposal to remand this action without vacatur.

5 9. Plaintiffs have taken Defendant's position under consideration but have not yet
6 finalized a decision regarding their position on Defendants' proposed remand.
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8 10. Defendants plan to file a motion to remand as soon as today, or in any case no
9 later than October 29, 2021. The parties anticipate that, consistent with Local Rule 7-3 and
10 absent an additional motion, Plaintiffs opposition or statement of nonopposition will be filed and
11 served within 14 days of Defendants' motion, and, if applicable, Defendants' reply will be filed
12 and served 7 days thereafter.
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14 11. The parties have agreed and respectfully submit this stipulated request that, in
15 light of Defendants' anticipated motion to remand, Defendants' deadline to file an Answer and
16 an Administrative Record should be stayed until 30 days after the Court rules on the motion to
17 remand, if the Court denies the motion.
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19 Dated: October 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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1 **ORDER RE BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND STAY OF DEFENDANTS' DEADLINES**

2 The above JOINT STIPULATION is approved. Defendants shall file their motion to
3 remand on or before October 29, 2021. Defendants' deadline to file an Answer and
4 Administrative Record is STAYED pending the Court's ruling on Defendants' motion to
5 remand. If the Court denies Defendants' motion, Defendants' Answer and Administrative
6 Record will be due 30 days after the Court's Order. Defendants' motion to remand shall be heard
7 March 24, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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10 Dated: October 27, 2021


EDWARD J. DAVILA
United States District Judge